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# RESOLUTION ON SRI LANKA ADOPTED AT UNHRC

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22 COUNTRIES FOR, 11 AGAINST, 14 ABSTAIN

LANKA SLAMS "UNFAIR AND DIVISIVE" RESOLUTION

#### CHINA, PAKISTAN TAKE LEAD AGAINST RESOLUTION

DISNA MUDALIGE

The Resolution titled "Promot ing Reconciliation, Accountability and Human Rights in Sri Lanka (A/HRC/46/L.1/Rev.1) was adopted by the 47-Member United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) with 22 votes in favour and 11 votes against yesterday.
Fourteen Member States including India abstained from voting.
South Asian Member States either voted against or abstained during the crucial vote on Sri Lanka at the 46th Session of UNHRC. After criticizing Council's unfair treatment

towards Sri Lanka, Pakistan and China called for a division on the Resolution, and voted against it along with Russia, the Philip'We will achieve progress regardless of inimical resolutions'









Lanka's largest source of imports. In 2020 imports from China amounted to US\$ 3.6 billion (22.3 per cent of Sri Lanka's imports), the statement said. The swap agreement has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers with the recommendation of the Monetary.

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press conference held yesterday afternoon at the Foreign Ministry Auditorium.

Minister Gunawardena also pointed out that the UNHRC cannot work against the United Nations Charter.

The Minister said the Government rejects the report submitted by the UNHRC High Commissioner as it is based on completely unjust and incorrect statistics.

## Inciting hatred: CID files B report against Wigneswaran

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Crimi-nal Investiga-tions Department (CID) yesterday filed a B report in Colombo

in Colombo
Chief Magistrate's Court against MP C.V.
Wigneswaran for allegedly making statements to the media in
a manner of inciting racial or
religious hatred among ethnic

The CID field this B report pursuant to a complaint made by Attorney Dharshana Weradu-

Weraduwage had lodged a police complaint urging to take legal action against Parliamentar-ian C.V. Wigneswaran regarding his offensive remarks. WORKE Z.

## TNA's Contempt suit against Ven.Gnanasara Thera fixed for June 1



LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A Contempt of Court action filed against Bodu Bala Sena (BBS) General Secretary Ven. Galagoda Atte Gnanasara Thera for violating a court order was yesterday re-fixed for support on June 1 by the Court of Appeal.

The court order was regarding the cremation of the late Gurukanda Raja Maha Vihara chief monk's body in a kovil compound in Mullativu.

in Mullaitivu. The Court of Appeal made this order pursuant to a fresh Con-

## Sri Lanka, China finalise

Sri Lanka has signed a 10 billion Yuan (US\$ 1.5 billion) currency swap deal with China for a three year period to be used for promoting bilateral trade and direct investment between the two countries, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) announced.

The deal was signed between the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) and the People's Bank of China (PBOC), a CBSL statement said on Monday. The People's Republic of China remains Sri

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The United National Party calls upon the Government to initiate credible investigations

recommendation of the Monetary Board of CBSL. 1000 14

against them

Freelance

journalist for the Siyarata news website,

Sujeewa Gamage, was reportedly admitted to the Colombo

National Hospital for five days

He was treated for injuries, which

### Former Matale PS Member remanded over fake posts

SIRAN IANI KUMARI

A Matale Pradeshiva Sabha member in remand custody over an incident of editing photographs and releasing them to social media with the inten-

and releasing them to social media with the intention of inconveniencing the government, was re-remanded until March 30 by the Colombo Chief Magistrate Buddhika Sri Ragala yesterday (23). The suspect, former Matale Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Malala Bandara Ekanayake (Independent) was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department and was produced before Court for editing photographs



## Rumpus at anti-LTTE fast

A group of protestors in Jaffna who were demanding justice to those who were abducted and murdered by the

LTTE and other armed Tamil Organizations clashed when instructed to bring the protest to an end. A clash took place between the two factions on March 22 at Nallur in Jaffna.

## Roadside inspection kills SI, another in mowdown

UNP wants end to harassment

Two including a Sub Inspector were killed after a vehicle mowed them down in Rajagiriya yesterday, Police Media Spokesperson DIG Ajith Rohana said. The incident occurred

when police officers were inspecting vehicles near the Ayurveda Rounda-



## Dog breeder in Court for animal cruelty

SAMEERA ABEYSINGHE,

A dog breeder and seller who mistreated the

dogs he was rearing was released on surety bail.

The released suspect identified as Mohommed Rizni a resident of Kal-demulla was involved in the business of selling





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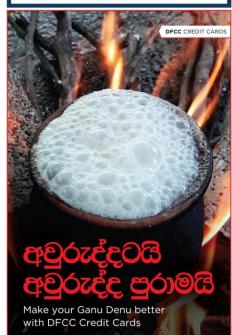
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